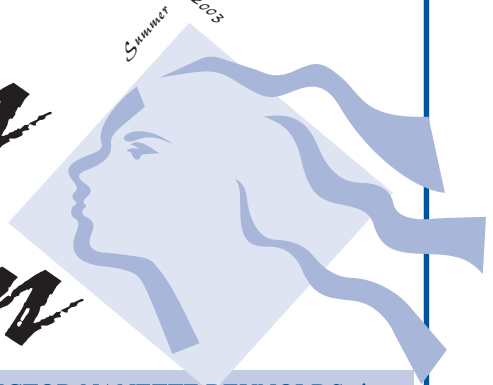


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The MWC and the Michigan Department of Career Development Team Up to Encourage Girls to Pursue Math, Science and Technology Careers

The Michigan Women's Commission (MWC), in partnership with the Michigan Department of Career Development (MDCD), has developed a brochure to encourage young girls to maintain an interest in math, science and technology. According to statistics gathered by MDCD, the number of boys and girls interested in math and science in the 4th grade

is relatively the same. But, by 8th grade twice as many boys show an interest in these subjects as do girls.

The MWC and MDCD created a brochure that would encourage the interest of young girls in math, science and technology by highlighting careers that involve these subjects, but are not traditionally considered as math, science and

technology careers by women. The brochure will be used in partnership with MDCD's Career Pathways program in middle schools around Michigan, and distributed by the MWC to women's organizations.

Also, the MWC has developed a guide to extracurricular math, science, and technology programs for students in Michigan. This brochure

was designed to help counselors, teachers, parents and students locate programs in Michigan that will help young girls explore their interest in these subjects.

If you would like to order the copies of these brochures, please call (517) 373-2884.

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Commission's Corner...

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm announced the selection of Judy Karandjeff to serve as Executive Director of the Michigan Women's Commission and designated Emma Bell as Commission Chair on April 16, 2003.

"These two extraordinary women will work together to ensure that the commission is moving forward on issues that are important to the women and the people of Michigan," Granholm said. "Both Judy and Emma have a record of being advocates for women and for the issues that are significant to them and their families. These two new leaders will help us focus on rethinking the messages our society sends about women."

Karandjeff, of East Lansing, most recently served as Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan where she was responsible for the state public affairs office that represented six statewide Planned Parenthood affiliates.

Previously, Karandjeff was a legislative research analyst for the Michigan House of Representatives Democratic Research Staff. She provided supportive services for the Democratic caucus on public health issues and health care reform. Karandjeff was instrumental in drafting and negotiating several major pieces of legislation, including AIDS and infant mortality initiatives and revision of the licensing and discipline process for health care professionals.

Karandjeff also served as legislative aide to Representative Mary Brown from 1983 to 1986. From 1982 to 1986, Karandjeff served as treasurer and a board member on the Ingham County Women's Commission. She also served as board member for Women in State Government, the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families, and the League of Women Voters of Michigan.

Emma Bell, of Detroit, currently serves as a member of the Michigan Women's Commission and

is the director of Public Affairs for the Wayne County Commission where she encourages thousands of citizens to exercise their right to vote. As a civic community leader, Bell has also dedicated her time to ensuring that the needs of senior citizens in the community are met.

Bell volunteers her time to numerous community organizations including the Board of Directors for the Black Caucus Foundation, Booker T. Washington Business Association, Boysville of Michigan, National Political Congress of Black Women (national and the Greater Detroit Chapter), and the Young Women's Christian Association.

Granholm hopes the commission will focus on important women's issues such as preventing teenage pregnancy, infant mortality, pay equity for women, and improving the way women and girls are portrayed through mass media outlets.



*Executive Director
Judy Karandjeff*



Chairwoman Emma Bell

Are you a high school student looking for virtual high school classes? A professional wanting to take classes while continuing in your career? Or, an unemployed worker ready to take advantage of an e-Learning program to upgrade your skills? Distance learning may be the answer. Please visit www.michigan.gov/emi/0,1303,7-102-111_123-3414B,00.html for more information about e-Learning in Michigan and schools offering these programs.

Prenatal Health Care for Michigan Women

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) offers a variety of programs for pregnant women in high risk situations.

Smoking can result in low birth weight, sickness and infant mortality. The Parental Smoking Cessation Program (PSC) was established to help

pregnant women quit smoking. PSC is a training program for prenatal health care providers that instructs them on how to use counseling and support groups to reduce the number of pregnant women who smoke.

The Parental Care and Outreach and Advocacy Program (PNCO&A) was established at the grass-

roots level to inform low-income, pregnant and postpartum women about the importance of early and continuous parental care.

And, the Parental Care Clinic Program (PCCP) provides transportation for women and children up to five years of age who need to attend obstetric, pediatric and Women, Infants and Children

(WIC) appointments; birthing, breast-feeding and parenting classes; and substance abuse treatment programs.

To obtain more information on these and other prenatal and infant health programs offered by the MDCH please call 517-373-3740, or contact your local community health department.

The Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board Educates Youth About Dating Violence

On November 8, the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDVPTB) sent information about dating violence to every high school in Michigan, totaling over 900 public and private schools. The MDVPTB hopes to educate young students about the dangers of dating violence and how to get help for yourself or a friend.

Included in the package was information about dating violence, lesson plans for educators (30 minute, 50 minute, and a 3 day series), instructions for teachers,

student surveys and handouts (how to help a friend who is in a violent relationship, fact sheet, signs to look for, battering relationships vs. equality-based relationships, etc.), and a dating violence poster (also available in Spanish).

The MDVPTB is also distributing an e-mail newsletter titled, e-Report, that provides updates on current domestic violence issues and the work of the MDVPTB. If you would like to receive the e-Report by e-mail, please send a message with your name and e-mail address to mwci1@michigan.gov.

Scholarships for Nursing Students in Michigan

If you would like more information about how to receive a scholarship for a nursing program at a college or university in Michigan, please contact the Michigan Department of Treasury's Office of Information Resources at 517-373-0457, or visit <http://www.michigan.gov/emi/0,1303,7-102-117-44305--,00.html>.

LEGISLATION OF INTEREST

PAY EQUITY

Senator Liz Brater and Representative Gretchen Whitmer have introduced SB 124 and HB 4497. The bills would amend the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to provide compensation equally for work of comparable value in terms of the composite skill, responsibility, effort, education or training, and working conditions regardless of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status. The bills have been assigned to the House Committee on Employment Relations, Training and Safety and the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor.

CONTRACEPTIVE EQUITY

Senators Bev Hammerstrom and Martha Scott have introduced two bills, SB 470 and SB 471, to require insurance policies that cover prescription drugs cover all approved methods of prescription contraception. Twenty states have passed similar legislation in the last five years. Treating family planning services differently than other health care needs is unfair to women, who are forced to pay additional out-of-pocket costs for basic health care. The bills have been assigned to the Senate Health Policy Committee.

SEXUALITY EDUCATION

Representative Jack Minore has introduced HB 4646 that would require school districts to offer comprehensive medically-accurate and age-appropriate sexuality education. The bill has been referred to the House Education Committee.

For more information go to: www.michiganlegislature.org



The MWC Bids Farewell

In April, the MWC bid farewell to Jean Kordenbrock who served as Executive Director for MWC from October 2001 to April 2003. Jean is working as president of Kordenbrock Consulting Group, LLC.

In January, the MWC bid farewell to Alissa DeGrow, as she left her position with the MWC to attend Michigan State University's Detroit College of Law. Ms. DeGrow started her career with the MWC as an intern in 1999 and has served as the Program and Outreach Specialist since July 2001.

The MWC also bid farewell to student interns Megan Moore and Angela Ripinski. Ms. Ripinski has been hired as the office manager for the John Truscott Group, and Ms. Moore will be starting in a constituent relations position at the office of Senator Michael Bishop in January.

The MWC would like to thank these women for their hard work and dedication to the advancement of women in Michigan. They will be greatly missed!

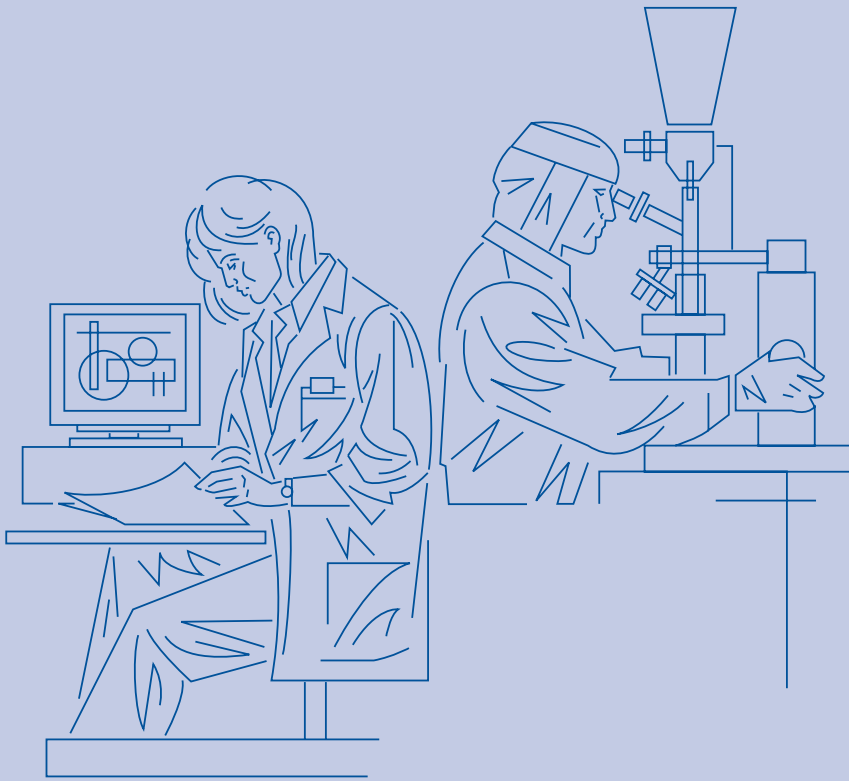
GEM-SET: Girls' E-Mentoring in Science, Engineering and Technology

The Department of Labor Women's Bureau has recognized an increasing amount of jobs that are becoming available in science, engineering and technology fields. In order to help

girls and women expand their education and employment opportunities, the Women's Bureau wanted to create a program to encourage them to pursue careers in these fields. GEM-SET was established by the Department of Labor Women's Bureau to provide an avenue for girls to interact with women mentors in science, engineering and technology careers through an e-mail LISTSERV and website.

Recently, the Michigan Women's Commission (MWC) began working with staff of the Region V GEM-SET office to promote the GEM-SET II program. The MWC will be working as a partner organization in Michigan that will recruit girls and mentors to participate in the program.

The Women's Bureau provides more detailed information about GEM-SET II at www.GEM-SET.org, or call 312-353-6985.



Long Term Care

Currently, many Michigan citizens face the challenge of caring for a spouse, relative or friend who is aging and will require long term care. As the "baby boomer" generation ages, the amount of adults who will become dependent upon long term care will increase. And, if they are like me, many Michigan citizens worry about how they will finance long term care for their loved one and/or themselves without burdening their children and extended family. The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has information to assist families in Michigan with the decisions about long term care. Long term care is defined as medical, social, personal care and supportive services needed by people who have lost capacity for self-care because of a chronic illness or condition that may not subside. The MDCH estimates that half of the adults over the age of 65 will spend some time in a nursing home, with 1 in 4 adults spending one year or more in care. The elderly are not the only adults seeking

long term care. 45% of those receiving long term care services are under the age of 65.

The MDCH has created a comprehensive website that provides information on a wide range of long term care information available from public and private sources. Some of the information provided on the MDCH website includes: planning for long term care; how to get help finding access services; in-home care; support; health, medical and nutrition information; financial assistance; your rights and responsibilities as a consumer; legal rights and options; Alzheimer and dementing illness information; end of life information; long term care providers; and Michigan's Long Term Care System. For more information about long term care, please visit the MDCH website at www.michigan.gov/ltc, or call the Office of Services to the Aging at (517) 373-8230.

The Michigan Women's Commission

Mission: To improve the quality of life for Michigan women

- ✓ Statutory Powers and Duties (PA 1 of 1968)
 1. Study and review the status of women in Michigan
 2. Direct attention to critical issues that face women
 3. Recommend methods to overcome discrimination
 4. Promote methods for women to develop skills, continue their education and be retrained
 5. Make surveys and establish advisory committees on vital issues
 6. Recognize the accomplishments of women in Michigan
- ✓ The Governor appoints 15 women to the Commission, including the Chairwoman and Vice Chairwoman—they are representative of different areas in Michigan, from Detroit to the U.P.
- ✓ The Commission has support from the Governor, legislature and state agencies. In addition to the Commissioners appointed by the Governor, there are four ex officio members from the Michigan Departments of Consumer & Industry Services, Civil Service, Education, and the Family Independence Agency.

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-  Annual Report 2002
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-  Domestic Violence Mirror Cling
-  Domestic Violence Wallet Card
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